

Abstract

A toner for an image-forming apparatus and method which apparatus has a cleaning means with a cleaning blade to remove a residual toner remaining on a surface of a photoconductive member after transfer; the toner being a mixture of a colored polymer particle and an external additive. The colored polymer particle has an average circle degree in the range of 0.95 - 0.995 and a volume average particle diameter in the range of 3 - 8 μm . The toner has an absolute value of charge amount in the range of 20 – 70 $\mu\text{C/g}$ in a toner layer formed on a developing roll when the toner is used with the image-forming apparatus.